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Congleton Rural District Council



REPORT

on the

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District

for the year ended

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CONGLETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To the Chairman and Members
of the Congleton Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the Year 1968.

There has been a considerable increase in the population this year which now stands at 17,400, rising from the previous level of 16,560, an increase of 840. As pointed out in the report last year we may expect the increase to continue taking into account the considerable amount of development which is occurring in the various parts of the Rural District.

There has been an increase in the number of births whereas the number of deaths has remained stationary.

There has been no undue prevalence in the incidence of infectious disease and one may expect a reduction in the notifications of measles as the years go on because as has been reported previously we are undertaking an intensive campaign against this disease with new vaccine available.

I must refer to that section of the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report dealing with the nuisance at Malkins Bank. At the time of writing this report this difficult period is now well behind us but for a very long time our Rural District was pretty well overwhelmed by this serious industrial nuisance. It was only by determined and forthright action on the part of the Council supported by their Officers that this problem was at long last resolved, satisfactorily. One can only hope that such a situation will never again be allowed to develop not only in our own District but anywhere else in this County. Surely no planning permission should ever be given for an Industrial Tip until the Health Department has had an opportunity to consider the matter thoroughly.

At the time of writing this report we are in the throes of a National discussion on reorganisation of Local Government boundaries, the argument mainly resting on the grounds that a small Authority cannot be efficient, or cannot give the Public who live in the area the same service as a larger Authority. My experience as a Medical Officer of Health in relation to Congleton Rural District is that the Public have been well served indeed. Our Housing Programme for example, has dealt with all our major problems very satisfactorily and the care for our elderly citizens is as good as anything to be found anywhere. Indeed Congleton Rural District have been pioneers in the housing care for the aged. It is my view that the people in our District get a service both from their Councillors and Officers which is comprehensive and thorough and I cannot see how any reorganisation could very much improve the situation, indeed I fear we may lose out by being joined on to a larger Unit.

Once again I must thank our Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Kirkham and our Engineer & Surveyor, Mr. Birtwistle, for the contribution they have made to this report and Mr. Molyneux our Clerk, who is always ready to give me any help I require to enable me to carry out my duties.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH.

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in parentheses throughout this report are for 1967.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated Population	...	...	...	17,400	(16,560)
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Births:

	<u>Total</u>		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>	
Live Births						
Legitimate	274	(266)	136	(143)	138	(123)
Illegitimate	17	(15)	12	(10)	5	(5)
Still Births						
Legitimate	1	(4)	-	(2)	1	(2)
Illegitimate	-	(1)	-	(-)	-	(1)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid - 1968	19	(17.1)
Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population	16.9	(17.2)
Still birth rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	3.4	(17.4)
Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live and still) births	14	(14.8)
Still birth rate per 1000 total population	.05	(.3)

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2	(3)	1	(3)	1 (-)
Illegitimate	-	(-)	-	(-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	6.8	(10.6)
Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales	18	(18.3)
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	7.3	(11.2)
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births	0	(0)

DEATHS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths (all ages)	270 (269)	132 (128)	138 (141)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population	11	(12.8)
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 population	11.9	(11.2)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Cholera	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-
Other tuberculosis, including late effects	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequelae	-	-	-
All other infective and parasitic diseases	2	1	1
Malignant neoplasms	30	18	12
Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	1	1	-
Diabetes mellitus	4	1	3
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-	-	-
Annomias	3	-	3
Meningitis	-	-	-
Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	5	1	4
Hypertensive disease	3	2	1
Ischaemic heart disease	33	21	12
Other forms of heart disease	9	5	4
Cerebrovascular disease	50	17	33
Influenza	5	2	3
Pneumonia	4	2	2
Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	16	16	-
Peptic ulcer	-	-	-
Appendicitis	1	1	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	1	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	3	-
Abortion	-	-	-
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies	2	1	1
Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	1	1	-
		cont.	over

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	68	22	46
All other diseases	21	12	9
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	1
All other accidents	5	2	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	-
All other external causes	-	-	-
TOTAL	270	132	138

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis 0 (0)

Other Maternal Causes 0 (0)

Maternity mortality rate per 1000 live and still births 0 (0)

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Child Health Clinics.

It is probable that in the future there will be various types of clinics providing a preventive clinical medical service in the County. It is likely that they will include child health, psychiatric, geriatric, middle-aged or "anticipatory" geriatric clinics. Of these the first to evolve will be the child health clinic.

The need for child welfare clinics, infant welfare clinics, well baby clinics etc. has been the subject of much discussion since the advent of the National Health Service. The facts that the clinic doctor could no longer issue prescriptions and in the case of a child who was ill could do little more than advise that the child be seen by a general practitioner were those used as arguments for the abolition of clinics. Various proposals have been made and different experiments carried out. In 1964 the Standing Medical Advisory Committee of the Central Health Services Council established a Sub-Committee on Child Welfare Centres under the Chairmanship of Sir Wilfred Sheldon who published a report late in 1967 entitled "Child Welfare Centres", and generally known as "The Sheldon Report".

The Sheldon Report.

Few of the conclusions or recommendations of the Sheldon Report were new but at least they were set down as definite recommendations by an authoritative body, most of the recommendations of the report have been accepted by the County Health Department, and it is along the lines indicated by Sheldon that it is intended to develop the Child Health Service in Cheshire.

The main recommendation of the Sheldon Report was :-

"We are in no doubt about the continuing need for a preventive service to guard the health of children. We consider it would be more appropriate to describe it as a child health service than a child welfare service. It is our view that in the long term it will be part of the family health service provided by family doctors working in groups from purpose built family health centres. It is within this concept that our recommendations are made."

The County Health Department agrees wholeheartedly with this statement and this recommendation summarises the County's policy. The Health Committee is committed to the establishment of health centres and these will provide accommodation for general practitioner services and for local health authority services. It is envisaged that more and more general practitioners will become involved in the local authority services of which the child health service is one.

Since 1967 each child born in Cheshire is registered on the Computer which then arranges for the children to be called for immunisation either at the Clinic or by their own family doctor whichever the parent chooses.

We shall also use the Computer to make special appointments for the Child Health Clinic so that the child can be assessed at regular periods during its' early years and finally round about the age of $4\frac{1}{2}$ it will have a pre-school final medical assessment so that the teachers will know of any medical matter which is important in relation to the child's education.

Once again I would like to thank all the voluntary helpers at all the Clinics. I am grateful to all of them for the support they so readily give.

Welfare Centre	New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics held	Cases Seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor	Average attendance per Clinic
	0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5				
Geostrey	37 (48)	- (-)	- (-)	472 (367)	111 (153)	104 (146)	23 (22)	402 (415)	17.4 (18.8)	29.8 (30.2)
Holmes Chapel	79 (115)	- (-)	- (-)	1095 (1165)	325 (276)	274 (335)	52 (49)	809 (964)	15.5 (19.6)	32.5 (36.2)
Mow Cop	12 (11)	- (-)	- (-)	98 (138)	29 (47)	50 (30)	24 (24)	79 (83)	3.2 (3.4)	7.3 (8.9)
Rode Heath	37 (46)	- (-)	- (-)	463 (434)	193 (165)	91 (78)	25 (22)	219 (232)	8.7 (10.5)	29.8 (30.7)
Scholar Green	41 (37)	- (-)	- (-)	467 (481)	206 (114)	171 (202)	23 (24)	222 (261)	9.6 (10.8)	36.6 (33.2)

The names of the Health Visitors covering the Rural District are as follows:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Districts</u>
Harris M. (Miss)	Linthorpe, 9 Bromley Drive, Holmes Chapel. Tel: Holmes Chapel 3275	Church Hulme, Cranage, Somerford, Somerford Booths, Swettenham, Twemlow, Goostrey.
Richardson B. (Miss)	Clinic Centre, Sandbach Road South, Alsager. Tel: Alsager 3215	Church Lawton, Odd Rode, Smallwood.
Furness H. (Miss)	Clinic Centre, Sandbach Road South, Alsager. Tel: Alsager 3215	Betchton, Hassall.
Howarth R. (Mrs.)	Clinic Centre, Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: Bollington 2376	Hulme Walfield.
Rae E.O. (Mrs.)	Ashfields Clinic, Platt Avenue, Sandbach. Tel: Sandbach 2970	Arclid, Brereton.
Hudson L. (Mrs.)	Ashfields Clinic, Platt Avenue, Sandbach. Tel: Sandbach 2970	Bradwall, Elton.
Corbishley M. (Miss)	The Clinic, Nursery Lane, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261	Moreton-cum-Alcumlow, Newbold Astbury, Tetton.

Home Nursing

The District Nurses serving our Area act in double capacity as Home Nurses and Midwives. They are as follows :-

M.W. YARNOLD, 5 Buck Bean Way, Goostrey.	Holmes Chapel 3244
L.B. BLUNSUM, 19 West Way, Holmes Chapel.	Holmes Chapel 2226
H. BARRY, 2 Drenfell Road, Scholar Green.	Kidsgrove 2929
I. HOYLE, 9 Offley Avenue, Sandbach.	Sandbach 2582
M. WAINWRIGHT, 87 Platt Avenue, Sandbach.	Sandbach 2256

We are constantly enlarging the items of nursing equipment available for assisting patients in their own homes.

Air Beds	Bed Cages	Extending Pick-up	Rubber Sheets
Air Cushions	Bed Cradles	Half Step and Stick	Sanichairs
Air Rings	Bed Pans	Handy Spring Pole	Special Bed
Back Rests	Commodos	Lift	Tap Turners
Bath Rails	Crutches	Mackintosh Sheets	Tripod Walking Stick
Bath Seat	Encuresis Blankets	Mattresses	Urine Bottles
Bath Step	Feeding Cups	Page Turner	Walking Aids
Beds	Hoist	Ripple Bed	Walking Sticks
			Wheel Chairs

We are also finding that the Disposable Sheets are invaluable for dealing with cases of incontinence. It is also possible in suitable cases to provide a "Foul Washing" service.

Births 1968

Hospital		Home		Private Nursing Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
231 (229)	1 (4)	27 (33)	- (1)	- (5)	- (-)

Chiropody

The use of this service has grown enormously and the demand was so great that it has been found necessary to reduce the number of treatments after the first six monthly treatments to one treatment every two months. However, in exceptional cases where it is necessary to give the treatment more frequently, it is possible to do this under the scheme.

The Scales for Chiropody are as follows:-

Free Treatments - Those in receipt of National Assistance Benefit or whose income does not exceed £6. 1. Od. per week in the case of single persons or £9. 4. Od. per week in the case of married couples.

Half cost paid by Cheshire County Council - When income between £6. 1. 1d. and £7. 11. Od. per week in the case of single persons. When income between £9. 4. 1d. and £11. 4. Od. per week in the case of married couples.

This scale may be varied from time to time.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Completed Primary Courses - Persons under Age 16 South East Cheshire

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total at Clinics	By G.P.'s
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964-61			
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D./WC./T.)	383	901	70	28	33	109	489	935
Diph./Whooping C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diph./Tetanus	-	5	3	-	17	5	-	30
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	2	16	-	18
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	268	903	79	30	146	13	572	867
Measles	-	320	522	369	647	31	1170	719

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16

South East Cheshire

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total at Clinics	By G.P.'s
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964-61			
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D./WC./T)	-	192	269	52	512	13	382	656
Diph./Whooping C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diph./Tetanus	-	5	60	58	325	39	273	214
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	1	1	-	13	84	-	99
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	155	280	53	775	54	603	714

SMALLPOX VACCINATION - PERSONS UNDER AGE 16

SOUTH EAST CHESHIRE

	Year of Birth				Others Under 16	Total	At Clinics	By G.P.'s
	1968	1967	1965-64	1963-54				
Vaccination	5	516	304	65	30	920	399	521
Re-vaccinated	-	-	4	16	21	41	-	41

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going to Manchester.

Domestic Help Service

Home Helps employed during 1968 -

Full Time	-	(-)
Part Time	59	(57)
	59	(57)

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1968 -

Full Time	-	(-)
Part Time	37	(33)
	37	(33)

Applications received during 1968

Aged and Infirm	40	(25)
Chronic Sick	8	(7)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	16	(14)
Others	9	(8)
	73	(54)

Cases attended during 1968

Aged and Infirm	80	(63)
Chronic Sick	17	(13)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	13	(13)
Others	10	(9)
	120	(98)

Cases receiving attention at 31st December, 1968

Aged and Infirm	42	(44)
Chronic Sick	13	(9)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	-	(-)
Others	-	(3)
	55	(56)

Water Supply

Congleton Rural District is supplied partly from the Now Cop borehole and partly from Hurleston Works (River Dee water), which now forms the larger proportion of the water supply. The 12" trunk main from Alsager via Church Lawton to Rode Heath completed.

Extensive housing development has continued in the District and mains extensions have been carried out for the following Estates:-

Cherry Lane, Betchton; South View, Church Lawton;
Booth Bed Lane No. 2, Goostrey; Rode Heath, Odd Rode;
Bank Farm, 1st Stage, Phase 2, Holmes Chapel; Old Mill, Goostrey;
Thurlwood; Primrose Chase, Goostrey; Croco Brook Farm, Holmes Chapel.
A new 4" main has been laid from New Road to Ackers Crossing, Moreton, to improve supplies to existing premises and a short mains extension in School Lane, Astbury for a new bungalow.

Improved supplies have been afforded by mains renewals at Twemlow Green to Goostrey Station and Marsh Lane to Manor Lane, Holmes Chapel.

Regular bacteriological samples are taken in all districts and the water has been satisfactory both in quantity and quality.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Tuberculosis

Four cases were notified and the number of people on register at 31st December, 1968 is shown below:-

Cases on Register at 31st December, 1968

	Up to 1 year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	3	3	3	3	2	15
Female Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	3	4	6	2	-	16
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	5	3	-	1	2	12
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	5	2	4	3	2	-	16

For the purpose of comparison I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1968 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1959.

Notifications - 1959 to 1968

	1959 P NP	1960 P NP	1961 P NP	1962 P NP	1963 P NP	1964 P NP	1965 P NP	1966 P NP	1967 P NP	1968 P NP
MALE										
Up to 1 year										
1-5										
5-15										
15-25						1				
25-35			1							
35-45										
45-55						1				
55-65		1							1	1
65 and over										
FEMALE										
Up to 1 year										
1-5										
5-15			1			1			1	
15-25		1		1						
25-35						1				
35-45			1					1	1	
45-55	1		1						1	
55-65										
65 and over					1					
Totals	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	3	1

DEATHS - 1959 to 1968

	1959 P NP	1960 P NP	1961 P NP	1962 P NP	1963 P NP	1964 P NP	1965 P NP	1966 P NP	1967 P NP	1968 P NP
MALE										
Up to 1 year										
1-5										
5-15										
15-25										
25-35										
35-45										
45-55	2	1								
55-65									1	
65 and over										
FEMALE										
Up to 1 year										
1-5										
5-15										
15-25										
25-35										
35-45								1		
45-55										
55-65									1	
65 and over	1									
Totals	3	1						1	2	

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(Other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1968

	Age Distribution												Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & over		
Dysentery	-	1	1	-	1	4	-	-	3	1	-	-	11	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	1
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	5	-
Measles	3	3	3	3	2	12	-	-	2	-	-	-	28	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	3	8	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-

HOUSING

The growth of the Rural District continues, comparatively large housing schemes being developed in the Parishes of Church Hulme, Church Lawton, Goostrey and Odd Rode and judging by enquiries made on behalf of Development Companies the interest would be much greater if further areas of land could be made available. However the inhibiting effect of the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank is preventing development in much of the northern part of the District. In the south there is a quite different deterrent to development, that is the proposed South Cheshire Green Belt.

The Council themselves have undertaken very little development over the past few years as it appeared that their housing needs had been met except in so far as bungalows for the elderly were required.

OWNERSHIP OF DWELLINGS, SHOPS AND GARAGES.

The Council's ownership at the 31st December, 1968 was :-

Dwellings (houses, flats, flatlets) - 1139
(18 were completed at Greengate Road, Church Lawton during the year)

Shops - 3 at Drenfell Road, Scholar Green
1 at Lawton Gate, Church Lawton

Garages - 226
(22 were built during the year)

LAND IN HAND.

There is no change in the Council's ownership, the total acreage being 10.277 acres.

MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

The Staff engaged in the maintenance fluctuated during the year but the establishment is 14 and this number was maintained with some difficulty.

VEHICLES.

There was no change during the year in the number of vehicles allocated to the Department.

PAINTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Whereas it has been the policy for many years to paint Council property by direct labour it was decided to terminate the arrangement and tenders were invited for the work from a selected list of Contractors. Three firms were successful in their offers for the external painting of 162 dwellings.

The cost of painting dwellings during 1968 was as follows:-

Houses - from £22. 14. 1d. to £39. 15. 2d. each
Bungalows - from £16. 1. 9d. to £16. 8. 2d. each

CENTRAL HEATING.

In December a contract commenced for the installation of two night storage heaters in 50 bungalows which were occupied by elderly persons. Early reports from those tenants who were first served by this improvement appear to be very satisfactory.

IMPROVEMENT OF OLDER COUNCIL HOUSES.

No improvements were undertaken during the year.

MAINTENANCE OF AMENITY FEATURES.

Satisfactory maintenance of grassed areas was difficult during the year because of the lack of suitable staff.

BUS SHELTERS.

No additional shelters were erected during the year.

PRIVATE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

The rate of building noted during recent years has again been maintained. In fact the number of plans submitted was somewhat higher than for the last nine years.

Plans Received for 1968

Month	Building Regulations Only	Building Regulations & Planning	Planning Only	Outline Planning	Total	Planning Refusals
January	16	17	9	7	49	5
February	11	21	10	7	49	9
March	14	23	20	8	65	3
April	16	23	5	11	55	7
May	13	16	13	12	54	7
June	19	29	4	5	57	10
July	15	14	7	8	44	7
August	18	13	6	10	47	10
September	19	11	6	13	49	9
October	16	14	4	5	39	11
November	18	14	8	10	50	6
December	12	18	5	4	39	8
Totals	187	213	97	100	597	92

The plans received provided for the erection of 479 dwellings, 193 garages, conservatories etc. and 143 were for alterations and improvements.

During the year 149 dwellings were completed and 1,620 inspections were made by the Building Inspectors.

SEWERAGE

PARISH OF BETCHTON

Lawton Heath End.

The treatment works which receive the sewage from the two private estates produced a satisfactory effluent but the original scheme proposed for pumping the sewage to the Snapes Aqueduct Sewage Treatment Works should be implemented as soon as possible.

Malkins Bank.

Works at Malkins Bank are far from satisfactory and should be replaced by a pumping station at the earliest time when Sandbach Urban District Council can receive the sewage into their sewers at Sandbach Road.

Hassall Green.

Some work on the preparation of a scheme for this small community was undertaken in the office and a site for the works was chosen.

PARISH OF BRERETON

Brereton Green.

It was not possible to proceed with the design of the treatment works improvement required in this case.

PARISH OF CHURCH HULME

Holmes Chapel Village.

The construction of the new treatment works continued during the year. The Deputy Engineer & Surveyor acted in a full time capacity as Resident Engineer.

PARISH OF CHURCH LANTON

Red Bull Drainage.

The sewers in Congleton Road South included in the original contract were deleted when it became known that there was to be a major road improvement along this length of road and a new railway bridge and canal bridge were to be constructed. On the letting of the contract by the Cheshire County Council arrangements were made for the Rural Council's foul sewers to be laid by the Road Contractor under County Council supervision but at the Rural Council's expense.

Snapes Aqueduct Sewage Treatment Works.

Very bad weather during the early part of the year impeded progress with this contract but sewage was first passed into the new works on the 18th November 1968.

Changes in planning policy which indicated that more land would be released for building than was known at the design stage caused the Council to arrange for the enlargement of the site by the purchase of additional land so that adequate provision in this respect will be made so that extensions can be carried out in the future when needed.

PARISH OF GOOSTREY

Building proceeded apace in this Parish and it was with some difficulty that the standard of effluent required by the River Authority was achieved but nevertheless the results were reasonably satisfactory.

PARISH OF NEWBOLD ASTBURY

No further progress was made with the preparation of a scheme for the laying of sewers which are to be connected to those of Congleton Borough Council in Fadgbury Lane.

PARISH OF ODD RODE

Main Treatment Works.

Satisfactory results were again achieved during the year by close attention to the operation of the plant although it is considerably overloaded.

Rode Heath Drainage.

The new Contractor appointed to complete the unfinished work left by the original firm commenced work on the 8th January, 1968. The contract continued throughout the year. Included in this contract was the crossing of the canal at Snapes Aqueduct and this was completed very satisfactorily. There were also three pumping stations not commenced by the original Contractor.

PARISH OF TETTON

No further progress was made during the year with the scheme envisaged for dealing with the drainage of Mill Lane and the proposed factory extension. The proposals of the Company were still awaited at the year end.

RIVERS (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1961

The Mersey and Weaver River Authority issued consents in accordance with the following list:-

<u>Map Reference</u>	<u>Site</u>
1	<u>Arclid</u> - Davenport Lane
39	<u>Smallwood</u> - Bank House Lane
40	- Church Lane
44	<u>Somerford</u> - Pool Wood Cottages, Holmes Chapel Road.
47	<u>Swettenham</u> - Kermincham
48	- The Heath
28	- Hulme Walfield
46	<u>Somerford Booths</u> - Swettenham Road
9	<u>Brereton</u> - Smethwick Lane
41	<u>Smallwood</u> - Moss Mere
3	<u>Betchton</u> - Hassall Green
8	<u>Brereton</u> - Mill Lane
27	<u>Hassall</u> - Mill Terrace

PUBLIC CLEANSING

There has been no change in the establishment of one Foreman, five driver/loaders and ten loaders. There were three resignations during the year and the vacancies were filled. Following a successful twelve months operation of a diesel Norba/Karrier screw type of compression vehicle, a further one has been ordered in replacement of an existing side loader. With this additional compression type vehicle, it is hoped to continue the weekly collection of refuse without further addition to staff for some time. The two men engaged on the cesspool emptier are frequently used on refuse collection to maintain the service and are particularly valuable during holidays and sickness.

The Council have commenced a system of using polythene bin liners for refuse collection. These are at present limited to certain estate development and the bonus paid for collection of these is half that obtaining at the moment for emptying dustbins. Strong plastic bins of $3\frac{1}{4}$ cubic feet capacity were used as an experiment with the bin liners but were found not to be satisfactory in some cases owing to their light weight proving some difficulty when extracting the liner. The use of these particular plastic bins for refuse was not satisfactory as normal handles are not fitted but merely recesses provided.

The Council's spare vehicle was loaned to an adjoining authority for one week during repairs which were being undertaken.

The Council have agreed to discussions with adjoining authorities as to co-ordinated action regarding refuse disposal. No decision has been reached in advance of the Local Government Commission's Recommendations on Local Government Reorganisation.

The Council offer free tipping of house refuse and bulky refuse at their Central Depot and offer a free collection of all bulky refuse from domestic premises. Publicity has been given to this through the Press and through circulars to all properties.

Difficulty has occurred in common with most authorities by unauthorised tipping of refuse and so very often in particular beauty spots. The Council have cleared many sites and have been assisted by the local District Surveyor of the Cheshire County Council. The help was enlisted too, of volunteer schoolboy parties from a local school and much useful publicity was given by the Press to these activities. Legal proceedings have been taken for the deposit of litter and for the abandonment of a vehicle.

I was privileged to represent the Rural District Councils Association on the Council of Operation Springclean which the District Council fully supported. In addition to actual works of clearing sites carried out by the Council, much interest was fostered locally in the preservation of tidiness and beauty of the countryside and it is to be hoped that the public consciousness of civic pride will continue to be fostered.

The following tables indicate the present position of the weekly collection. A unit constitutes up to two dustbins per premises.

(1) Driver and Two Loaders

District	2 Loaders Target		Units Collected 1/1/68	Bonus 1/1/68	Units Collected 31/12/68	Bonus 31/12/68
1	998	1014	1316	318	1363	349
2	1042	1014	1432	390	1579½	565½
3	966	966	1096	130	1173	207
4	998	1014	1430	432	1489	475
TOTALS	4004	4008	5274	1270	5604½	1596½

(2) Driver and One Loader

District	2 Loaders Target		Units Collected 1/1/68	Bonus 1/1/68	Units Collected 31/12/68	Bonus 31/12/68
1	650	666	1316	666	1363	697
2	689	666	1432	743	1579½	913½
3	641	641	1096	455	1173	532
4	650	666	1430	780	1489	823
TOTALS	2630	2639	5274	2644	5604½	2965½

Salvage.

A new hand baler was purchased during the year and the following details indicate the limited amount of salvage carried out during 1968. Figures for 1967 are shown in parenthesis.

Receipts.

	<u>Weights</u>						<u>Revenue.</u>			
	t.	c.	q.	(t.	c.	q.)	£.	s.	d.	(£. s. d.)
Container Waste	6.	5.	2.	(6.	15.	0)	£62.	15.	0.	(67. 10. 0.
Mixed Waste Paper	-	-	-	(11..	1.	1)	-	-	-	(85. 14. 8.
TOTALS	=						£62.	15.	0.	(153. 4. 8)

Expenditure

	£.	s.	d.	(£. s. d.)
Materials	105.	0.	0.	-
Labour	147.	17.	11.	199. 16. 1.
TOTALS	£252.	17.	11.	(£199. 16. 1.)

Nightsoil and Septic Tank Service.

The table below indicates the work carried out by the cesspool emptier on septic tank desludging with the figures for 1967 in parenthesis.

Type of Tank

Domestic	-	351 loads removed from 321 installations
Non Domestic	-	239 loads removed from 124 installations
Council Houses	-	231 loads removed from 131 installations
Council Sewage Works	-	62 loads removed from 44 installations
Outside Area	-	883 loads removed from 620 installations
TOTALS	-	(702) (370)

A sewer is being provided in the Parish of Rode Heath and the number of premises requiring the nightsoil collection service will be reduced.

Vehicle Statistics.

Appended below are the details concerning the use of fuel and oil during 1968. The figures for 1967 are shown in parenthesis.

Number	Make	Duty	Miles	Galls Fuel	Oil	M.P.G.
BLG 887F (18.12.67 - 31.12.67)	Karrier Norba	Refuse Collector	4704	*722	108	6.5
PMB 603	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	4272	722	40	5.9
743 NFM	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	7314	1350	127	5.4
WMA 363	Karrier Gamecock	Refuse Collector	8233	1389	133	5.9
HDB 283D	Bedford Eagle Crushload	Refuse Collector	5281	*763	36	6.9
367 LG	Bedford Eagle Cesspool Emptier	Septic Tanks and Nightsoil	10635	*495	82	7.1
			40439 (39850)	6441 (6701)	526 (535½)	6.4 (5.9)
894 STU	Fordson Tractor	Refuse Tips, Sewage Works etc.				
* Diesel.						

Food and Food Premises

Two-hundred-and-seventy-two visits have been made to food premises. The following matters have been the subject of letters sent regarding unsatisfactory conditions at twenty-eight premises:-

Article 8	Food to be protected against risk of contamination	1
Article 9	Personal Cleanliness	-
Article 14	Cleanliness of sanitary conveniences and room and affixing of hand washing notices	4
Article 15	Water supply to be provided	1
Article 16	Provision of wash-hand basins, nailbrush, soap etc.	5
Article 17	Maintenance of first aid materials	2
Article 18	Provision of accommodation for clothing	1
Article 19	Facilities for washing food and equipment	1
Article 23	Cleanliness of food rooms etc.	12
Article 24	Accumulation of refuse etc.	5

The following types of food premises are located in this area:-

Grocers and General	34
Public Houses	21
Public Houses and Licensed Clubs with Restaurants	16
Cafes	12
Sweets and Confectionery	23
Off-Licence	3
Bakehouses	2
Village and Church Halls	10
Village Halls used as School Canteens	1
School Canteens	5
School Kitchens	13
Butchers	9
Fish and Chips	3
Factory Canteens	8
Chemists	2
Food Warehouse	1
Dairy	2
TOTAL -	165

A request was made for registration under Section 144 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953 for the sale of sacked potatoes. In view of the nature of the food the Council were of the opinion that a registration would not be enforced.

Premises were found to be used as a dairy for cream packing and the pre-packing of cheese without registration in accordance with the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. Registration was effected and the premises brought up to a reasonable standard of construction.

A large wholesale distributor of canned goods for the north of England is situated within this Council's area. The use of containers in shipping lines etc. has greatly increased the amount of inspection found necessary at these premises.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection.

The one slaughterhouse has continued to operate slaughtering solely for use at the shop premises. The following are details of the work :-

Carcases Inspected and Condemned	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Calves	Pigs
Number killed	73	15	46	1	36
Number not inspected	-	-	-	-	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	32	4	6	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	43.8	26.6	13.0	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>	5	-	-	-	-

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Two licences were issued to people residing in the area.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

The following table indicates results of samples taken by the Cheshire County Council during the year:-

	<u>Total Submitted</u>	<u>Number Brucella Positive</u>
Bulk Samples	23	2
Dealer Samples	134	9
Individual Cow Samples	137	3
	<u>294</u>	<u>14</u>

At the end of 1968 there were 18 dairy herds in the District from which milk was sold raw to the public.

In all cases of Brucella Positive samples, either arrangements are made for the immediate removal of the offending cattle or heat treatment of the milk is required either by agreement or by service of Notice under Regulation 20.

Nuisances.

The nuisance from the industrial tip recorded in the last two Annual Reports continued into 1968. The year commenced with monthly reports from the owner as required by the High Court giving details as to the progress he was making on remedial works. Fifteen complaints were received in January and at the High Court Hearing on the 9th February, 1968 an application was made for Order of Sequestration and Committal. An Order of Sequestration was made but not to be served for three months. The High Court found that the undertaking he had given regarding control of the tip had been broken in respect of four out of six items. Twenty-one complaints were received in March caused primarily by the tip owner pumping the contents of one area to another. Eighteen complaints in April, six in June and eleven in July and August eventually lead to the Council taking over the tip from the owners by agreement. In addition to the Council taking over the tip with effect from the 3rd September, 1968 they are to be paid a sum of £12,000 by the tip owners to cover legal expenses for the Court action and certain remedial works on the tip. The take-over of the tip has operated satisfactorily and the materials accepted are limited to those which are quite clearly innocuous. A Working Party is to be set up by the Cheshire County Council for the reclamation of the tip area which is some 55 acres in extent. The most popular proposal at the moment is for conversion to a public golf course for the acquisition of additional land.

An Abatement Notice was served in respect of a nuisance from barking dogs which has been recurring over a considerable number of years. A Nuisance Order was made by the Courts and to date of this report a fine has been imposed for non compliance with the Nuisance Order.

Factories and Workplaces.

The following details are given of the work carried out during the year under review:-

Particulars	No. on Register	No. of		
		Inspec- tions.	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	66	-	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	5	5	-	-
TOTALS	71	5	1	-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Practically the whole of the registered premises have received a routine visit during the twelve months and the following table gives details:-

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving general insp. during year
Offices	3	13	11
Retail Shops	3	30	29
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens.	-	17	17
Fuel Storage Depots ...	-	1	1
TOTALS	7	62	59

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises under the Act 74

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

		Number of Contraventions Found
Section 4	Cleanliness	3
Section 5	Overcrowding	-
Section 6	Temperature	3
Section 7	Ventilation	1
Section 8	Lighting	-
Section 9	Sanitary Conveniences	2
Section 10	Washing Facilities	2
Section 11	Supply of Drinking Water	-
Section 12	Clothing Accommodation	1
Section 13	Sitting Facilities	-
Section 14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
Section 15	Eating Facilities	-
Section 16	Floors, Passage and Stairs	-
Section 17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	1
Section 18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
Section 19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
Section 23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
Section 24	First Aid - General Provisions ...	2
	Other Matters	2
	TOTAL	17

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Summary of Visits

Animal Boarding Establishment Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Animals - Keeping of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Caravans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Conversions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clean Air Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drainage - including septic tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Factory - with mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
- without mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
- Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Food Premises - General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
- Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
- Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
- Cafe and Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
- Dairy etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
- Fish and Chips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
- Ice Cream...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
- Hotel and Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
- Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
- Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
- Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Farms, Sanitary Conveniences for Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Housing - General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99
- Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
- Council House Applications	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
- Housing Management	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
- Housing Act, 1949 - Grants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Infectious Disease - General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
- Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Insect Pests - Disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Miscellaneous - Interviews, meetings etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Nuisance - General and Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	334
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Scavenging - General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	236
- Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93
- Teams at Work	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
- Garages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	269
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
TOTAL =									2250

Conversions

No conversions have been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47. Many properties have, however, had pails converted to water closets by way of improvement grants and information on these is included later in the report.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

At the close of 1968 there were fifty-eight residential caravans occupied and during the year eighty-one recreational caravans. These vans were sited as follows:-

<u>Residential</u>	-	13 individual sites. 1 site for 45 caravans.
<u>Recreational</u>	-	1 individual site. 2 sites for total of 80 caravans.

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A case occurred of the wrongful use of a site under/Certificate under Article 5 of the First Schedule of the Act. The caravans were not being used for recreation purposes but for residential. The Caravan Club, issuers of the Certificate, were co-operative in securing the rectification of the matter.

Rodent Control.

The following details are given of the work carried out:-

	<u>Number Treated</u>
Private Houses	121
Refuse Tips and Sewage Works	18
Industrial and Trade Premises	35
Farms	85
TOTAL	259

Sewers were again found to be negative on test baiting. At approximately six monthly intervals meetings are held of a South East Cheshire Workable Area Committee. At these meetings information is given on the latest control methods for rodents and insects and prove of great benefit in gaining advantage of the latest technical progress.

Water Supply.

There are 37 houses and farms in this district who receive an individual private water supply. Of these four houses are the subject of Closing Orders and one is vacant. In addition there is a private water supply which serves 33 premises including four farms and a dairy in the Parish of Moreton.

The following table indicates the number of houses and population in each Parish and none of these premises receive water from a standpipe but all have a supply direct to the houses from a public water main with the exceptions indicated above.

Parish	Number of Houses	Population
Arclid	51	531
Betchton	324	939
Brereton	1281	916
Bradwall	61	165
Church Lawton	745	2344
Cranage	252	796
Elton	54	136
Hassall	78	245
Goostrey	579	1705
Great Moreton	67	196
Holmes Chapel	1022	2855
Hulme Walfield	44	128
Newbold Astbury	196	597
Odd Rode	1466	4100
Smallwood	179	519
Somerford	105	320
Somerford Booths	63	165
Swettenham	96	291
Tetton	92	268
Twemlow	56	184
TOTALS	5811	17400

Three properties in the Parish of Astbury are supplied by a Water Board with untreated water under a long standing agreement. The water supply was found to be unsatisfactory towards the end of the year and negotiations are proceeding with the Board in an effort to secure some improvement.

The water supply of a Hospital within the district was sampled as although it was from the Board's main, supply to individual wards was from a storage reservoir. The water showed evidence of pollution in each of the twelve samples which were taken. The Hospital Authorities immediately arranged for the use of the storage reservoir to be discontinued and for the Hospital to be connected throughout direct from the main.

During the year thirty-one samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination of which thirteen proved unsatisfactory.

The Mid Cheshire Water Board have now completed laying the new main to the Parish of Moreton and the individual owners of the thirty-three properties in the Parish are being requested to connect to it. Five samples were taken from this Moreton private supply during the year of which two proved unsatisfactory.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.

Fifty-two premises are licensed for the storage of petrol and are visited annually by the Fire Officer and the Health Inspector alternately. One application was received for the installation of a pump and bank note acceptor for use on unattended self service and the application was refused.

Although the site was in an isolated position, housing development in the area is proposed and the Council were of the opinion that some degree of danger could ultimately occur.

The Council during the year joined the Association for Petroleum Acts Administration, North Western Branch.

The new model code was adopted with the exception that in view of the geological conditions in this area a brick chamber or concrete surround would continue to be required for underground tanks.

Animal Boarding Establishments.

There are 4 such establishments in the area. The Council have agreed to include in their standard licensing conditions a requirement that an Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. should be an authorised Officer for the purpose of the Act with powers of entry accordingly.

Housing.

The following action has been taken during the year with unfit houses:-

Closing Orders	4
Undertakings accepted	3
Demolition Orders	1
Houses Demolished	3
Closing Orders determined	2
Undertakings cancelled	1
No. of Families rehoused	4
No. of persons rehoused	16
Families otherwise displaced	2
Persons otherwise displaced	3

At the end of 1968 fifty-two vacant houses were the subject of Closing Orders or Undertakings. Twenty unfit houses were occupied as compared to twenty-one at the end of 1967. Six additional properties were found to be unfit for the first time in 1968.

Occupied unfit houses mostly relate to elderly tenants who have expressed a wish not to be disturbed.

Improvement Grants.

The following tables indicate the works carried out on grant schemes:-

STANDARD

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>		<u>Tenanted</u>	
	Standard		Standard	
	5 point	3 point	5 point	3 point
1. Number of applications received	-	-	9	-
Number of applications approved	-	-	9	-
Number of applications refused	-	-	-	-
2. Number of dwellings improved	.	-	6	-
3. Amount paid in grants	£715.	15. 9d.		
4. Average grant per house... ..	£143.	3. 2d.		
5. Number of amenities provided -				
(a) fixed bath	...	...	3	
(b) shower	...	...	-	
(c) wash-hand basin	...	...	3	
(d) hot water supply (to any fittings)	...	...	3	
(e) water closet	...	...		
(i) within the dwelling	...	...	5	
(ii) accessible from dwelling	...	...	-	
(f) food store	...	...	3	

DISCRETIONARY

		<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>		<u>Tenanted</u>	
1. Number of applications received	...	...	7	18	
2. Number of applications approved	...	...	7	18	
3. Number of applications refused	...	...	-	-	
4. Number of dwellings improved	...	...	5	12	
5. Amount paid in grants	£5,470.	0. 0d.			
6. Average grant per house	£321.	15. 3d.			



